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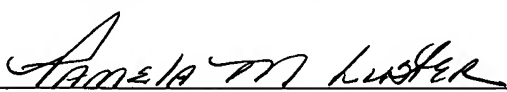
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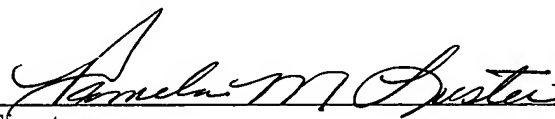
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| 09/280096 6,304,786 | March 29, 1999 | 279.133US1 | IMPLANTABLE LEAD WITH DISSOLVABLE COATING FOR IMPROVED FIXATION AND EXTRACTION |
| 09/906571 6,584,363 | July 16, 2001 | 279.133US2 | IMPLANTABLE LEAD WITH DISSOLVABLE COATING FOR IMPROVED FIXATION AND EXTRACTION |

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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicants request that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicants with the next official communication.

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Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed two issued US Patent Documents 6,304,786B1 and 6,584,363B2 in related patent applications for the above-identified patent application.

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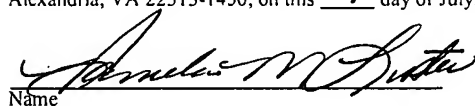
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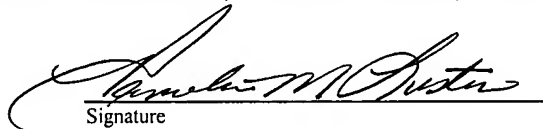
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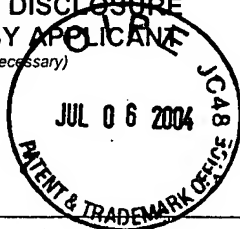
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